

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [037] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[037] As best seen in Figure 6, a main gallery 46 is provided inside the lower crankcase 20, extending in the left-right direction of the engine. The oil, which has been pumped and pressurized by the oil pump 39, is fed through an oil passage B to the oil filter 44. The oil cleaned by the oil filter 44 is fed through an oil passage C to the oil cooler 45, where it is cooled. The oil thus cooled is fed through an oil supply passage D into a medial portion of the main gallery 46, as shown, from which it diverges in opposite directions and is fed to each bearing portion through a respective oil passage E, branching off the main gallery between the upper and lower crankcases 20 and 21, to be served for lubrication and cooling of rotary sliding portions of the crankshaft 26. Small arrows in the figure indicate the flow of the oil.